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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Major General
Charles W. Whitaker.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing Major General Charles W. Whitaker.

Whereas, Major General Charles W. Whitaker passed away March 4, 2003;

Whereas, Major General Whitaker was the Adjutant General for the Indiana Army and Air National Guard, a position that made him responsible for the readiness of the units, soldiers, and airmen of the Indiana National Guard in fulfilling their state and federal mission;

Whereas, Major General Whitaker was born January 12, 1937, in Jasonville, Indiana;

Whereas, Major General Whitaker graduated from Coalmont High School, received an associate degree in general studies from Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana, and a bachelor of science degree in liberal arts from the State University of New York – University at Albany, New York;

Whereas, Major General Whitaker also attended the Armor Noncommissioned Officer Academy, the Armor Advance Officer Orientation, the Armor Preventive Maintenance, the Recruiting and Retention School, Command and General Staff College, the Four Command and General Staff Refresher Course, and the National Defense Security Course;

Whereas, Major General Whitaker began his military



career in January 1954 as an enlisted man in the 38th Reconnaissance Company, Indiana Army National Guard;

Whereas, Throughout his military career, Major General Whitaker was recognized for his accomplishments with the following decorations: the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserved Medal with four 10-year devices, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, and the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon;

Whereas, Major General Whitaker also received numerous state medals, including the Indiana Distinguished Service Medal, the Indiana Commendation Medal with two bronze oak leaves, the Indiana Long Service Medal with 40-year device, the Indiana Emergency Service Ribbon with one silver oak leaf and four bronze oak leaf clusters, the Indiana Overseas Ribbon, and the Indiana Volunteer Emblem;

Whereas, In addition to his duties as Adjutant General for the Indiana Army and Air National Guard, Major General Whitaker was active in the National Guard Association of the United States, the National Guard Association of Indiana (president, vice president, and secretary), the Adjutants General Association of the United States, the Association of the United States Army, Indiana Chapter (second vice president), the Knights of Columbus, the Fraternal Order of Elks, the American Legion, the Order of Kentucky Colonels, Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church, the Board of Trustees for Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, and the Board of Directors, USO Council of Indianapolis, Inc.;

Whereas, Major General Whitaker was also a recipient of a Sagamore of the Wabash; and

Whereas, Major General Charles W. Whitaker was a soldier and a gentleman who believed in honor and lived his life accordingly: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly extends its
- 2 sympathy to the family of Major General Charles W. Whitaker and
- 3 expresses its sincere gratitude for the years of dedicated service Major
- 4 General Whitaker gave to his community, his state, and his country.
- 5 He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.
- 6 SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
- 7 Secretary of the Senate to his wife, Patricia, and his children, Christina,
- 8 Cathleen, and Charles.

